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a child. Now maybe God punishes wicked thoughts, but the state should not. Unacted on motivations, intentions or desires are not punishable under the law. Even the Bible says something about think (laughing) evil but sin not, or something along that line. So I'm going to have to do a lot of thinking about what is being done here, and as Senator Beutler pointed out, there is coming a greater and greater...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...fragmentation of the law. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of the committee amendments, Senator Brashear, followed by Senator Beutler, Bourne, and Chambers. Senator.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I'd like to use this opportunity to endeavor to be responsive to Senator Beutler's concerns, particularly with regard to Section 2 and creating the offense of strangulation. Senator Beutler, and I'll share this time with you if that's helpful, the committee hearing on this was a significant and meaningful hearing. And I'm not going...I'm not going in the sense of this morning's concept about the lady cried. That isn't the point. But we had a strangulation victim, we had a number of advocates for...particularly for women's organizations and those who are concerned about domestic violence. And the fact is, I'm using my summary presentation, the fact is this has become a crime of...in vogue, so to speak, in situations of domestic violence which, as you know, is a scourge and a plague in our society. And the problem with the assault statute, as I understand it from those more competent than myself, you read the statute, it says serious bodily injury. Strangulation, unfortunately, is utilized by people and may not produce serious bodily injury, although it's a life changing experience in terms of the result. But after the person has regained consciousness, there may not be any serious bodily injury. So it...this is simply an attempt to, yes, highlight, identify, modernize and, I guess speaking only for myself, although the committee did act unanimously, I'm responsive to it because of what's going on in